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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/056,407

Filed: January 24, 2002

For: METHYLATED, SMD HOMOLOGOUS PEPTIDES, REACTIVE WITH THE ANTIBODIES FROM SERA OF LIVING BEINGS AFFECTED WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: ZEMAN, R.A.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 18, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is April 18, 2003. Included with the instant Office Action was a "NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES."

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11362.0011.DVUS01**.

In view of the following Amendments and comments, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.